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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Coins Objectives

On 16 November the COINS evaluation group met at NSA. Those attending were [redacted] of DIAMS, [redacted] NSA, [redacted] NPIC, [redacted] the DIA Production Center, [redacted]

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[redacted] considers that this group constitutes an evaluation panel for COINS and placed [redacted] in charge. Having done so, he left.

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The meeting took an extremely interesting turn as possible ways of evaluating COINS were discussed. [redacted] maintained that COINS should be directed at specific intelligence problems and should be evaluated with respect to its success in contributing to the solution of these problems. Several possible candidates were mentioned: [redacted] In the course of the discussion [redacted] listed the "objectives of intelligence" which he said DIA had used in its report to the Knox Panel.

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The next meeting will be on 29 November at which time members are to nominate intelligence problems for COINS.

I made clear that we are in sympathy with any effort to clarify and sharpen the objectives for the COINS effort. However, I also emphasized the implications of action by this group at this point in time to question the objectives as given and its suggesting radical new objectives. This move would change the nature of the COINS effort. To take the direction

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25X1 suggested by [redacted] is to tackle community problems which are much bigger than COINS; it would be an attempt to use COINS to solve U. S. Government intelligence management problems. This did not seem to
25X1 faze [redacted]

25X1 I do not know what [redacted] motives are, nor whether his action reflects DIA thinking at all levels. I believe that [redacted] still sits at the 25X1
25X1 right-hand of [redacted] Chief of DIAMS, and suspect that anything
25X1 [redacted] does is all right with [redacted]. But [redacted] strength in DIA is 25X1
unknown.

25X1 [redacted] has in mind suggesting or recommending that contribution to solution of one or more intelligence problems be taken as the COINS objective. It is not clear to whom this would be recommended and whose approval would be required, but CODIB seems to be the only candidate body.

Should this direction be taken COINS will certainly be delayed in its full implementation. It is quite possible that files not now in existence would have to be created and that procedures in participating agencies would have to be changed to carry out a COINS experiment so defined.

25X1 [redacted] informed me before the meeting that [redacted] has 25X1
requested a CODIB meeting on COINS. [redacted] has tasked the CODIB Support 25X1
25X1 Staff to prepare a briefing [redacted] has the assignment), and tentatively this meeting will be held around 7 December.

25X1 [redacted]

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